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REPORT BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL CONCERNING EQUATORIAL GUINEA

1. On 8 March 1969, I addressed a letter to His Excellency Mr. Francisco Macías Nguema, President of the Republic of Equatorial Guinea, and requested Mr. Marcial Tamayo, my representative to Equatorial Guinea, to deliver it personally to President Macías. The letter reads as follows:

"Sir,

"This communication will be delivered to you personally by Mr. Marcial Tamayo, whom I have appointed as my Representative in Equatorial Guinea. My Representative, as I had the honour to inform you in my cables of 2, 5 and 7 March 1969, will offer his good offices in order to help in solving the difficulties which have arisen between the Governments of Equatorial Guinea and Spain and to reduce the tension which has come about in your country in consequence of these difficulties.

"I have requested Mr. Tamayo to inform you of the interest and concern with which I have been following the course of the differences between Equatorial Guinea and Spain, and of my profound desire to contribute to the greatest possible extent to the solution of such differences between two States Members of the United Nations.

"I am sure that you will grant every facility to Mr. Tamayo in the discharge of his mission, which, it is my hope, will contribute to a peaceful solution of the problems at issue.

"I thank you in advance for the attention and facilities which you accord to my Representative, and I would ask you to accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

(Signed) U Thant"

2. On 30 March 1969 I received from my Representative in Equatorial Guinea the text of the following letter addressed to me by the President of Equatorial Guinea, His Excellency Mr. Francisco Macías Nguema:

"Bata, 18 March 1969

"His Excellency U Thant, Secretary-General of the United Nations, New York

"Sir,

"The purpose of this letter is to convey to you my sincerest thanks for sending here your personal representative, Mr. Marcial Tamayo, whose presence in this country has been crucial to the conversations bearing on the calm which we all desire for the new Republic over which I preside.

"I take this occasion to inform you that any further action which requires the presence of United Nations peace forces will in future be duly transmitted through the Security Council of the United Nations, that important body which was so opportunely established on behalf of peace in all regions of the world.

"Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

(Signed) Francisco Macías Nguema"
